

AUTOMATED ONLINE BROADCASTING SYSTEM AND METHOD USING AN OMNI-DIRECTIONAL CAMERA SYSTEM FOR VIEWING MEETINGS OVER A COMPUTER NETWORK

Abstract of Disclosure

An automated system and method for broadcasting meetings over a computer network. The meeting is filmed using an omni-directional camera system and capable of being presented to a viewer both live and on-demand. The system of the present invention includes an automated camera management system for controlling the camera system and an analysis module determining the location of meeting participants in the meeting environments. The method of the present invention includes using the system of the present invention to broadcast an event to a viewer over a computer network. In particular, the method includes filming the event using an omni-directional camera system. Next, the method determines the location of each event participant in the event environment. Finally, a viewer is provided with a user interface for viewing the broadcast event. This user interface allows a viewer to choose which event participant that the viewer would like to view.